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WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—For lower Michigan: Generally fair; variable winds.

WILL BE NO PANIC.

Some little excitement prevails in New York over the failure of several brokers. Indiscreet headline artists have exaggerated the story into a "panic." Nothing of the sort is borne out by the facts. A few firms dealing in stocks, depending upon fluctuations in the market for their profits have been unable to meet speculative obligations, and have for that reason suspended payment.

The stock market is demoralized but there is no panic; even if there were a panic it would not depress actual industry nor abridge the offerings of money at easy loaning rates. The Wall street excitement is the logical product of weakened confidence in the speculation values of stocks. It resembles the excitement that attends a game of cards when the winning hand is discovered to be less valuable than any one of the losing hands. It is purely transitory and confined to stock brokers.

No real moneyed interest is imperiled. No active manufactory is involved. No great commercial enterprise is threatened. The stock sharks are squeezed and the tighter the squeeze the better for legitimate business. There is no occasion for any alarm whatever. The stability and soundness of business investments remain unimpaired. Money is easy. General confidence is unshaken. There will be no widespread unsettlement of established business enterprises.

Some persons have associated the continued operation of the Sherman law with the sharp decline in stocks. It would be quite as reasonable to associate the failure to find the north pole with the unfinished condition of the Dahomey village on the Midway Plaisance. The real conditions are located in precisely the same state of affairs which existed in the Partridge wheat squeeze. In three days the "panic" will be ancient history.

LAMB AND SHEEP.

From the testimony in the case brought against the Grand Rapids town-ship election inspectors it appears that one of the accused declared he might as well "die for a sheep as a lamb." He meant by this that having stolen the elective franchise from a few, his punishment would be no greater than if stolen from many. He therefore became a willing party to the theft of the many.

The figure is a very apt one. It tells the whole story much more tersely than it can be told in other language. It is the essence of Jeffersonian simplicity, the acme of Jacksonian bluntness. They had stolen the lamb—they might as well steal the sheep. They did so. Now they have the bareheaded effrontery to come into court and plead not guilty to the charge. They tacitly admitted the theft at the time of its commission. Now they burden the county with the expense of a trial forcing the punishment shall be of proportion to the size of the sheep.

It is natural for them to long for the lamb's portion. The fierce desire to suffer has been allayed and their pungent figure is turned to that of other chaotic adulation. "Rock hog or die." No matter what the end of the trial may be, election inspectors will certainly be enlightened as to the relative crime of stealing sheep and lambs.

MR. MOORE'S BILL.

On February 9, Representative Moore of Detroit, one of the ablest and most popular members of the house, introduced a bill providing for the free transportation by the railroads of all state officers and members of the legislature.

The bill makes it the duty of all railroad companies to carry to and from their places of residence and the state Capitol all members of the legislature from January 1 in each legislative year to ten days after the session shall close. This transportation shall be in lieu of all mileage charges now taxed against the state.

It is also made unlawful to transfer the certificate which shall be issued by the secretary of state to those entitled thereto; the certificate is declared to be binding upon conductors, who are required to honor it for the transportation of the person rightfully holding the same. Provision is made for the punishment of persons illegally using the certificate.

The bill in its present state is somewhat ambiguous and involved in its phraseology, but these defects can be cured by the engineering committee. It seems to cover the position taken by THE HERALD on this question, and if passed will result in doing to no cor-

poration any of its vested rights. If made a law, too, it will be a forward step toward the redemption of the pledges made by the party, will insure a large saving to the state treasury and remove the more odious evils of the pass system. It is worth a fair trial.

INCREASING CIRCUIT JUDGES.

Wayne county is asking the legislature for an additional circuit judge. It has four now, but an increase to five is alleged to be necessary in order to dispatch business promptly and properly. The senate has passed a bill providing for an increase of one in the number of judges. The "third house" which is assisting in the passage of the bill is composed of the friends of those Detroit attorneys who expect or wish to be appointed as the additional judge.

The appointment will be made by Governor Rich if the bill passes, and the appointee will hold office until the next state election. The opposition to the increase has not found expression at Lansing. Hence the bill was rushed through with but little friction. It is known, however, that there is a very considerable opposition among Detroit lawyers to the increase in the number of judges, but this opposition has not as yet found emphatic public expression. The best lawyers of Detroit are opposed to the bill.

What is really needed by the Wayne county circuit, and by all the circuit courts in the state, is a simplification of the methods of the courts, a revision of the rules, a modernizing of the practice, and a general renovation of the circuit court system. If Grand Rapids, with nearly half the population of Detroit, can transact all its court business before two judges, Detroit ought certainly to be able to clear its court docket promptly with the assistance of four circuit judges, for it is undoubtedly true that the business does not increase in the same ratio as the population.

The people have permitted the lawyers to multiply the agencies of litigation until tax rolls are burdened with enormous budgets for their support. Economy is demanded for all other departments of the public service, but the extravagant cost of our judiciary is overlooked entirely. Retrenchment is greatly needed in this direction. More judges mean more extravagance.

QUARRELING DOCTORS.

Medical quarrels are traditional for their virulence. Of the two chief professions, law and medicine, the latter is more often disturbed by bitter internal strife than the former. Lawyers are paid to fight, and for that reason are reluctant to test the mettle of their brethren, while assembled for the purpose of promoting good fellowship and discussing plans for improving the profession. Medical society meetings, however, seem to be arenas for the bitterest fights over personal differences.

At Lansing the State Homeopathic Medical society proceeded to dissect Dr. H. T. Obetz, dean of the homeopathic department at Ann Arbor, alleging him to be guilty of all sorts of evil things. Dr. Obetz had excited the ire of a number of his conferees by advising the board of regents of the university to consolidate the homeopathic with the allopathic or regular school. His idea in doing this was to afford himself and his subordinates on the homeopathic faculty an opportunity to lecture to the combined schools, 457 students, instead of to the homeopathic students.

The state homeopathic society could not see things in the same light as the dean, however, and the members were perfectly free in expressing their condemnation of his course. The charges against Dr. Obetz were sweeping, covering almost every offense except those punishable by death. He was alleged to be guilty of duplicity, misrepresentation, disloyalty, treason, conspiracy and libel. The dean protested against these crushing charges, but the meeting was packed and he had to submit to official decapitation.

Our new council committees have undertaken a very big job in proposing to discriminate between the good and bad saloonkeepers. Still, the motive is a laudable one, and if they shall inoculate the system with the virus of forceful endeavor, the saloonkeepers will be among the last to complain.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is reported to be determined that the Sherman act shall be repealed. He was also determined that Senator Murphy should not be elected. Grover's determination is a synonym for Grover's disappointment, but the Sherman act ought to be repealed notwithstanding.

THERE are floods in the Mississippi, panics in Wall street, a revolution in Cuba and heart-rending destitution in Russia, but the world will be able to withstand it all, for it is stated authoritatively that the earl of Carnarvon is injured knee has healed.

THAT so plain a loophole in the alien contract law as the one reported by Superintendent Stamp should remain undiscovered for so long a time is proof positive that the corporation lawyer has not been earning his salary.

AFTER examining thirty-five witnesses, the coroner's jury decided that the recent disaster at the Milwaukee crib was due to an act of Providence. There is nothing like expert testimony even in Milwaukee.

CHANDLER's charity has stricken the names of three unworthy non-residents from the pauper list. This before the real work is inaugurated, is evidence of the future efficiency of the organization.

CHARLES HARRIS must die. Governor Flower has denied the application for clemency. Harris made a serious—in fact fatal—mistake in not committing his crime in Michigan.

WORK IS UNDER WAY

Organized Charity Is Thus Far A Success.

SPONGING ON THE POOR LIST

Is Found To Be a Common Thing—The Association and Poor Departments Will Co-Operate Amicably.

The organized charity plan is now in operation, though it will not be in full operation till the secretary has returned from Buffalo, which may not be before next week. Mrs. Watson is regularly engaged by the society to investigate cases of applicants, those who are now receiving help from the city and others. Mrs. Watson was asked about her new work by a reporter for THE HERALD yesterday. She said that she had investigated fifteen cases thus far, and found two families who own their own homes and who she believes are able to be self-supporting, or at least nearly so. Mrs. Watson goes "behind the curtain," as she terms it, and reports the facts in detail to the society officers. When the latter find an unworthy beggar they report the fact to the city poormaster, who strikes him from the list. Of course there is room for differences of opinion, but of the three cases thus far reported to Poormaster Moordyk help has been withdrawn from each.

"We aim," said President Gilbert yesterday, "to make these people self-supporting, if possible, though we don't want to cut off aid from any deserving person. The executive committee has rented the house on North Division street next north of the Swedenborgian church for headquarters. Yes, we shall occupy the whole house. When the secretary returns we shall call a meeting of the executive committee and will then be ready for business."

Mrs. Watson's Work.

Mrs. Watson has been in the charity work in the city so long that she finds plenty of former acquaintances in her travels. She met one yesterday who has been assisted by the city for twenty years, but was recently cut off. He owns his home, clear of debt, and has several children, one of whom was recently married. A part of her work also is to stir up indifferent relatives to do something for their poor relations.

Walter L. Casper of Cincinnati has been engaged to get the work under way here. He believes there are many impostors in town who need weeding out from the list of public charges. The book at the association's office will state the particulars of all cases looked up and the work will be open to inspection always.

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

The claim that there was a desire on the part of the world's fair management to retain some of the Michigan legislators on exhibition lacks official confirmation. "The Moon is clad in this contradiction. Michigan could not spare a single one of them. If she did, the variety of her multifarious products would be broken up.—Battle Creek Moon.

The hotel and restaurant waiters of Chicago struck on Monday. The example set them by their employers started them to thinking that while the plundering of the public was going on they might as well have their share.—Jackson Courier-Star.

A man who can talk for forty hours and then get completely out of his speech by another man who had been compelled to listen to the whole speech is certainly a genius, and that is what Counsel Carter did in the Bering sea case.—Detroit Tribune.

Michigan is all right at the world's fair from her rough logging camp to the paintings of her distinguished artists. There is no state blessed with stronger or more diversified evidences of prosperity.—Detroit Free Press.

Do not be surprised if you get free wool and taxed sugar. Wool is raised by the farmers of the north and west, and sugar is a southern product.—Cedar Spring Clipper.

Next to President Cleveland Padoczek seems to be the biggest man who has attended the world's fair up to date.—Muskegon Chronicle.

HIT AND MISS BRIEFS.

Let there be henceforth fewer diamond headlights in the beacons of hotel clerks, impartial civility, celerity and intelligence in the dining rooms and no tips.—New York Telegram.

An old tree in Carroll county was found to contain 200 rings. It was the only thing in Maryland that was ahead of Somerset county politics.—New York Advertiser.

New York wants a new city hall. There will be a big contract on hand for somebody. The Philadelphia endeavor will not be a marker.—New Orleans Picayune.

Burglars took forty-eight opera glasses from an optician Sunday afternoon. It is supposed they will now use them in trying to find a policeman.—Chicago Record.

Mrs. Cleveland was sick and had to leave the review before it was over. The dear little woman wouldn't wear wads of cotton in her ears.—New Orleans Times.

Legislatures and their performances under our system of government are just what the people allow them to be.—New York Telegram.

The office that seeks the man never has any trouble in finding him. He is generally mighty in the way.—Atlanta Constitution.

So long as they keep ripping up the weather bureau, anything less settled weather is hardly to be expected.—Boston Herald.

Reason has tottered from a man's brain base throne when he forgets his mother's doughnuts.—New Orleans Picayune.

Persistence often enables a man to knock out a fortune. It will also enable him to knock out misfortune.—Troy Press.

Any man with an inflexible gold cure can get a good price for it by applying to Secretary Carlisle.—Chicago Dispatch.

The St. Louis bear was in over, and it is now no longer a trick to visit that city.—Indianapolis News.

The Anthropological building at the world's fair has been completed to about the fifth syllable.—Kansas City Journal.

Since the coming of two live ducks, the younger members of the Anglo-

manian fraternity of New York have to use a step ladder in removing their hats.—Chicago Record.

There is no more crucial test of a man's piety than to have him chase his hat in a windstorm.—Washington News.

What John L. Sullivan needs is a gold reserve of the Keeley pattern.—Washington Post.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

The favorite student at the East Maine Conference seminary at Bucksport is Dick Quick, the first mate of the four-masted schooner Talopa, who had the courage to enter the institution without knowing even how to read or write, but in two terms with hard work has become one of the smart pupils, and can now handle a pen as well as a marine spike.

Gen. J. B. Weaver proposes to establish an "independent school of political science" at Des Moines, Iowa, with seven professors on the following subjects: "Land and public utilities and inventions, finance, transportation, constitutional law and legislation, suffrage, applied Christianity, and public debates."

Clarence Smith, private secretary to Collector Hendricks, proposes to organize a society composed of men who are or have been conspicuous as private secretaries to leading officials of the government. Among those who have been asked to join are Secretary of War Lamont and Gen. Horace Porter.

Edison, the inventor, prefers women machinists for the delicate details of electrical machines. He says they have more fine sense about machinery in one minute than most men in their whole existence. He backs up his statement by having 200 female employees in his works.

Dr. William Everett, the preacher-politician who has been elected to congress from one of the Massachusetts districts, is accomplished in the art of dining, tells a good story, makes a rattling speech and is gifted with some pleasing personal eccentricities.

Ex-Senator Bradbury of Maine, who is 90 years old, called at the White House a few days ago. He remarked that if he had been there in the days of Webster and Calhoun.

William Woolfville Rockhill, who has been appointed chief clerk of the department, is a traveler, a skilled diplomat, a scientist, an author and a linguist.

John E. Risley, recently appointed minister to Denmark, who has been seriously ill at his home in New York, is much better and out of danger.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

"Sleep?" responded the large, good-natured, comfortable-looking man to the question the man by the stove had put to him. "Sleep? I sleep all night like a baby."

"What baby?" queried a nervous, harassed-looking young fellow, with a strange glitter in his eyes. "What baby, I say?" he repeated in harsh and hollow tones that frightened the company, for they did not know that he had been a father for only a year.—Detroit Free Press.

Little Johnny—You're workin' for a prize this time, ain't you?" Bright Boy—Yes, and I think I'll get it.

"If you do I'll give you 50 cents for it."

"What for?"

"Pop said he'd give me a dollar if I brought home a prize, and I'll give you half."—Street & Smith's Good News.

Mrs. Mulcahy (through the tenement at 444 Mulcahy street, Mrs. Mulcahy, below): Are you ever in an "cabbage boiler" over?

Mrs. Mulcahy (below): Whist! No; but me could mon's smokin' a cigarette that a dead gov him on favin' th' cab last night!—Puck.

Young Minister—What can we do to make our services sufficiently interesting to draw in the non-churchgoing?

Deacon—Scratching his head thoughtfully:—I dunno of anything except to do away with the sermons and substitute a service of song.—New York Press.

Dogood—Why don't you learn some useful trade?

Dusty Rhodes—Sirrah! I am an actor.

Dogood—Barker in front of a museum?

Dusty Rhodes—No; understudy for the ossified man.—Kate Field's Washington.

She Found the Reason.—Ethel—Algeron told me last night that he was a socialist with my beauty, exarissa—That's another case of hereditary predisposition to intoxication. His father used to be a hard drinker.—New York Press.

Highwayman—Throw up your hands and give us your money. Cumso—How can I do that, you idiot? Do you imagine that I am a contented man and can get my nose into my pocket?—Buffalo Quips.

New Boarder—Seems to me this room is terribly small.

Mrs. Harlem—You must remember, sir, that this is in New York city. It isn't Texas or Brooklyn.—New York Weekly.

Lady, on leaving a crowded car—Well, I'm glad to get out of this crowd. I've had to stand on one foot all the way. Voice from corner—Yes, and that one foot was mine.—Harvard Lampoon.

THEATRICAL TOPICS.

Tonight "The Country Circus" will be displayed with all its accompanying realism in The Powers. Charles Stewart of the Philadelphia Item in speaking of the spectacle said: "Last night for the first time in my life I think I thoroughly enjoyed a circus performance. The ordinary circus has many drawbacks. There is the crowd and the chance you run of having your clothing torn off your back. There is the dust, always the dust. Last but not least, there are the hard benches, and no less harder chairs than a spit-sifter because they are labelled reserved. All these drawbacks you will miss by attending a performance of C. B. Jefferson. Klaw & Erlanger's country circus."

There will be a machine performance by the "Early Birds" company in Smith's this afternoon. The company has played to a deservingly large business all the week. Maize Health is a whole show by herself.

Mr. Brown's comedy company will at work on repertory in The Grand. Next week "The Vendetta" will be played.

HOTEL CHATS.

Judge Allen B. Moore arrived in The Morton yesterday afternoon on his way home from Belvidere, Iowa, where he has been to visit his parents. He went to Iowa last night, but will return to this city today. This evening "The Eve" will tender him a formal banquet.

Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa will have magnificent crops of corn, suggests a said A. E. Brinson of Wyandotte, Nebraska, in The Morton last night. "The present outlook is all that anybody could

desire. Wheat is in splendid condition. The wet weather will not do much injury to the corn crop, and oats will be even heavier than usual. I have been all over those three states this spring, and do not see any cause for any uneasiness among the farmers."

John Northwood of New Lathrop was among last night's arrivals in The Morton. He is ex-past grand master of the Michigan Grand lodge of Oddfellows.

James A. Croser of Menominee, member of the board of managers of the Soldiers' home, was a guest in The Morton yesterday.

Hugh Brown of Lansing, ex-eminant superintendent of public instruction, was a guest in The New Livingston yesterday.

George E. Dowling, the Montague banker and capitalist, arrived in The Morton yesterday.

A. G. Runkle, ex-sheriff of Newaygo county, was among yesterday's arrivals in The Morton.

N. B. Jones of Lansing, president of the Michigan Knights of the Grip, is at The Morton.

A. B. Dickinson, a Hillsdale horse man, is a guest in The Morton.

Mortons—James A. Croser, Menominee; H. T. Calkins, Petoskey; J. B. Whitaker, Ionia; G. E. Peck, Allegan; N. B. Jones, Lansing; A. G. Runkle, Newaygo.

Swans—F. R. Crawford, St. Joseph; Mrs. A. E. McCrea, Kalamazoo; J. W. Markham, White Pigeon; R. E. Allen, Kalamazoo; M. A. Miller, Detroit.

New Livingston—R. Gundert, Ann Arbor; N. R. Howlett, Grand Haven; C. H. Loomis, R. A. Hastings, Sparta; Hugh Brown, Lansing.

Kent—L. R. Combs, Traverse City; W. J. Williams, Coldwater; J. L. Burbaker, Waukegoning; C. H. Bradley, Detroit; Mr. Bishop, Jackson.

Clarendon—B. J. Dolan, Detroit; William Olney, Vernon; E. H. Waldratt, Ypsilanti; Mrs. C. Bravingham, Mrs. A. E. Granger, Otsego; W. K. Myers, Rockford.

Bridge Street—D. E. Peterson, Lowell; E. C. Blanchard, Cassovia; Ford Callahan, Lily; W. H. Ganey, Flint; D. Ambrose, Ambrosioville.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The world's fair craze struck three Hancock school boys and they started to tramp it. They reached Baraga, were returned home and now they stand up in school.

An epidemic has struck the school teachers of Bay City, and it looks as though it was catching, eleven of them resigning their positions in order to get married.

C. C. Stevens of Bay City, arrested for the alleged embezzlement of \$200 from Jesse Hall, denies the charge and claims he simply acted as his father's clerk.

Members of the Detroit Equal Suffrage association want clean streets, and are talking of doing the work themselves. That's right. Be like the men.

Port Huron's water receipts for the past year were \$24,247.23 and the operating expenses were \$10,266.51.

Anthony O'Brien of Saginaw has been arrested on complaint of Cora Cannel as the father of her child.

Mt. Clemens is making it hot for "tin horns," and three of the fraternity are now in jail.

Orrie Keene of Edwardsburg is the latest victim of the toy rifle. Right eye destroyed.

James C. Hand of Ypsilanti will be tried May 15 for the murder of Jay Pulver.

Jacksons bicyclists will be arrested if they are caught riding on the sidewalks.

Baroda has organized a fire department and now awaits the coming of the blaze.

St. Joe has a lot of experts probing the ground in hopes of striking natural gas.

Watervliet is rejoicing over the advent of a paper mill employing 275 hands.

Millington's schools have been closed on account of diphtheria.

CSnow is still seven feet deep in the drifts about L'Anse.

Cass City Scandal.

Cass City, Mich., May 4.—Upon complaint of a 16-year-old girl of this place, O. G. Seville, fruit tree agent, whose home is in Unionville, was today arrested in Kingston. He is charged with being the father of the girl's newly-born child. Seville is a married man and the father of three children. He pleaded guilty and has been bound over to the spring term of the circuit court.

Kidnaped Her Child.

Coldwater, Mich., May 4.—Yesterday an old woman tramp came to the state public school and kidnaped her 7-year-old child. She claims to come from Midland county. Her appearance is frightful. Officers have been hard at work endeavoring to rescue the child, but with no success.

Between the Bumpers.

Muskegon, Mich., May 4.—At 1:30 this morning Robert H. McFar, a switchman for the C. & W. M. railway, was accidentally killed when he fell between the bumpers of two cars. The first finger and a portion of the hand at the base of the member was crushed, causing a severe flesh wound.

Eighteen Horses Killed.

Port Huron, Mich., May 4.—While a freight train on the Grand & Grand Trunk railway was passing Goodells at 3 o'clock this morning, a car containing eighteen horses broke in two, letting the horses down on the track. All were killed, and several cars were derailed.

Is a Good Work.

Saginaw, Mich., May 4.—The Women's Foreign Missionary society, now in session here, raised \$2437.71 more during the past two years than in any preceding two years. Among the speakers was Mrs. W. N. Nixie of Detroit, wife of the bishop.

Fate of a Horse Thief.

Wellington, N.Y., May 4.—A masked mob last night took James Collins, the horse thief, who was being brought back from Illinois, from the train at Sherman, a few miles north of here, and hanged him.

Michigan Pensioners.

Original—James McDowell. Additional—Herman Ford, Jadedish Grig-was; William H. Hall, Increase; Thomas J. Antin, William Davidson, Henry Turner, Buckner Van Aken, Jesse Nebeck, Patrick Roach, Reuben—Samuel J. Shepard, Original—William, Margaretta Cook, Clara Lamb, Naige Johnson, Hannah Hardy, Katharine Sostine, Eliza J. Gibson, Martha J. McHenry, Susan A. Miller, Lou S. Lord (mother), Anna F. Jones, Julia Green, Eliza Richardson, Magdalena Kern, Mary E. Wells, minor of D. Smith, Lucinda D. Warren, Huldah News.

ARE YOU A PARENT?

THE WORLD OF FASHION FOR

BOYS!

Have you seen the beautiful panorama of Boys, Youths and Children's Clothing and Furnishings in our northeast window?

It's the creamiest aggregation ever displayed in this city. We want you to study the styles and the prices.

Every item of apparel is marked in big plain figures.

We want other clothiers to get pointers on the new styles and novelties brought out this season, and follow, as nearly as possible, the low prices that rule on everything. It's due the public.

Notice the stylish Wash Dress Suits from \$1.50 to \$5.00. Fancy Fauntleroy Waists from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Quantity is nothing without taste goes with it. Good taste, good goods and large varieties are synonyms that rule our business.

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